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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Masafumi FUKAE et al.

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For: **METHODS FOR CRYSTALLIZATION OF N- (1 (S) -ETHOXYCARBONYL-3-PHENYLPROPYL) -L-ALANINE N-CARBOXYANHYDRIDE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 9, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as follows:

9. (Amended) The crystallization method according to Claim 1

wherein the good solvent is a hydrogenated hydrocarbon, an ether, a nitrile, an ester, a ketone or a mixed solvent thereof.

16. (Amended) The crystallization method according to Claim 1

wherein the addition of the solution of N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanine N-carboxylic anhydride in the good solvent is carried out by a sequential addition.